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Byrd And The Budget

Senator Harry F. Byrd, Virginia Democrat, has proposed that Congress cut five billion dollars off President Eisenhower's $72,000,000,000 budget. Byrd, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has drafted an alternate budget, calling for specific reductions in non-defnse spending.

Byrd has been a close collaborator with Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey of the Eisenhower Administration and there is reason to believe that Secretary Humphrey and even President Eisenhower believe that Byrd is headed in the right direction.

The President has taken the unusual position of saying he hopes Congress will cut the budget. President Eisenhower sent his request to the Congress and then has admitted that he hoped that ways could be found to reduce it. That is at least frank, if not refreshing.

If Congress were able to chop $5,000,000,000 off the President's budget, as Senator Byrd hopes to do, then tax cuts could be voted this year without any trouble at all. And, contrary to one argument, tax cuts would not add to inflation for they would free much capital and some profits for expansion and for uses which would make for more efficiency in industry.

Senator Byrd is no doubt one of the country's greatest economists, and, as usual, we agree with his argument in favor of cutting the budget. He points out that the main reason the Eisenhower Administration has been able to stabilize the dollar in its first years in office was because $5,000,000,000 had been cut out of the budget President Truman had proposed. Now, Byrd points out, we have gone into another period of inflation and the Eisenhower budget is going to increase the inflationary trend.

We hope Congress will be able to chop several billion dollars off President Eisenhower's budget and some of it from reduced foreign aid, reduced money for Government agencies and in almost any field other than defense—even though economies can be effected in the Defense Department, too, which would not impair the planned fighting strength of our military forces.

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March

"With rushing winds and gloomy skies
The dark and stubborn Winter dies;
Far off—unseen—Spring faintly cries,
Bidding her earliest child arise;
March!

—Bayard Taylor

The approach of March,, with the arrival of Spring, means that Winter is bowing out. The name, of course, comes from Mars, an ancient Italian diety, known as the God of War.

In early March until recently Federal income taxes were payable in March, but now March has been relieved of this later distinction.

March contains many memorable days and anniversaries. On March 30th, 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long, a small-town doctor, practicing in Jefferson, Georgia, used ether for the first time on a patient, to remove a tumor. The patient, James M. Venable, was surprised when he awoke to find that the tumor on his neck had been removed and he had felt no pain. This is one of the little known anniversaries of March, since for many years most of the population believed that the first use of ether had occurred in Massachusetts, administered by Dr. William Morton, a dentist.

Dr. Morton first administered ether to a patient on October 15, 1856, in the removal of a tumor. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes suggested the name anaesthesia. Dr. Long first used ether in 1842. A thorough examination of the history of its first use was made by Dr. J. Marion Sims, of New York, in later years and from available evidence, he concluded that credit for the first use of anaesthetic belonged to Dr. Long.

March, of course, used to be the month of Inauguration Day and on March 4th, for many years, Presidents were inaugurated. However, with the adoption of the 20th Amendment in 1933, inaugurations have been held in January.

The cotton gin was patented by Eli Whitney, of Massachusetts, on March 14, 1894. South Carolina, incidentally, voted him an award of $50,000 in recognition of the importance of his invention.

The U. S. Military Academy, at West Point, N. Y., was founded by Act of Congress on March 16, 1802, and St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th, dating from the death of the patron saint of Ireland on March 17th, 493.

March contains many other interesting historical days, including Maryland Day, which falls on the 25th, and Alamo Day in Texas, which comes on the 6th.

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Use Your Mind

A number of us, both men and women, are guilty of failing to properly exercise our minds and improve our education, thus expanding our knowledge. This does not mean that we should be bookworms, or that we should dry up and get serious about everything.

However, in the opinion of the Editor, every citizen shares a responsibility to look into the issues which face this country, his state and local community, and try to inform himself, to some slight degree, on the more important ones.

Too often, in our modern civilization, we are prone to do very little thinking, a great deal of talking and little or no research or investigation, to discover the truth or improve our knowledge in various fields. It is too easy to watch television, go to a moving picture, or do something which requires no thought and which is strictly pleasure, to turn aside these indulgences and exercise our brain power.

Nevertheless, it is suggested that readers find some stimulating hobby, or subject, in which they can interest themselves and that they attempt to learn something about it, either by reading, studying, or by doing some pioneer or hobby work in that field. And hardly any subject can be covered properly, if at all, if the interested individual does not do some reading on the subject.

It is disappointing to see citizens reach an advanced age with no particular knowledge in any field, except in the field of conversation, pleasures and indulgences, and non-creative pursuits. Every citizen should try to contribute something to his community, his state and nation, in order to assist the general progress.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 16:13-17:27
Devotional Reading: John 3:14-21.

Who Is This?

Lesson for March 3, 1957

WE ALL like to know what people think of us, but sometimes all we really want is compliments, or else we ask out of idle curiosity. Jesus asked the same question most people ask some time or other: Who do men say I am? But it was not curiosity or pride with him. He knew better than any one that what men thought of him was vital—not to him, but to them. What people think of Christ affects their whole lives. Is he no more than a picturesque figure out of the past? Then we can safely ignore him. Is he a wise teacher, no more? Then we can put his teachings together with those of other great teachers and add a few nuggets of ideas from him to the wealth of the ages. But suppose he is more—?

Dr. Foreman

They Thought They Had Seen Him

Nobody in Jesus' lifetime thought of him as a priest. The priests were professional religionists; but Jesus did not make that sort of impression. He reminded people of no priest,—rather of prophets. Many spoke of him by the name of well known prophets—John the Baptizer, Elijah, Jeremiah. Of course they did not literally think these men had risen from the dead; but it was almost as if they had. Incidentally, the modern reader might look up the three prophets whom Jesus was thought to resemble. They were anything but gentle, meek and mild. At all events, they were men whose authority did not come to them from a position, an institution. They were men whose power and authority came from within; men carrying their commissions direct from God.

The One Lord

One might think that no higher category could be found for Jesus than Prophet,—one sent by God, speaking the word of God. But Jesus once called himself "more than a prophet." So it was his closest friends thought of him. Peter's "Great Confession" is well known. Speaking not for himself but for all—for the question was put to the group, Simon Peter said (as Matthew reports it) "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." The words should not lose their force because of familiarity. Peter does not use the language later theologians were to devise. He does use words which a Jewish man of the first century could use—but they were not words Peter could have applied to any one else. Christ means Messiah, King. God's special chosen King, to usher in the World's New Age. No Jew looked for two Messiahs. Peter was saying to Christ: There have been many prophets; but there will never be more Christs than one. You stand alone, with none to match you, none beside you. For Messiah was not only a unique title, there was nothing above it. Furthermore, the word Christ implied a great deal more than Prophet. You could take a prophet or leave him,—his messages might not be for you at all. But the Christ was to be every man's Master, Lord of Israel, Lord of the world. Before a prophet a man may keep the silence of respect. In the presence of the one Lord a man must bow in reverence, asking, What wilt thou have me to do?

Eyes of Faith

What did Jesus mean when he said to Peter, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven"? He meant that Peter and the rest of the Twelve (not Judas!) could see with eyes of faith what the Pharisees and priests never saw. It is always possible to doubt the full meaning of Jesus Christ. In his life time there were a great many who listened to his teaching and watched his miracles and never believed in him at all. Belief in Christ is never forced. It is not like believing that two and two are four, or that the paper you are reading is printed in black ink. The deity and lordship of Christ can never be demonstrated like a proposition in logic or a theorem in geometry. Our relation to him must be personal. All personal relations are carried on by faith, not mathematical demonstration. A man and his wife, a father and his son, even a merchant and his customer, live with each other and trust each other by faith. The eye of love, the eye of loving faith, sees what mere sunlight never shows.

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Demonstration Club Schedule

"A Salad a Day" will be the demonstartion, by food leaders, at meetings of home demonstration clubs next week. The schedule:

Monday, March 4.- The Country Lane Home Demonstration Club will meet at the Home Agent's office at 12 noon. Mrs. Newton Jennings and Mrs. Charlie Cartrer will be in charge of the demonstration. Mrs. Charlie Hunter will give the program on Health.

Tuesday, March 5.- Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. B. J. Lucado. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. Hunt Hamilton and Mrs. George Perdue. Mrs. Nellie Beale and Mrs. Gladys Woodson will be in charge of the program on Health.

Wed., March 6.- Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. Sam Megginson. Mrs. F. J. Nash, Sr., will give the demonstartion. The Health program will be given by Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Jr.

Wed., March 6.- Lucky Clover 4-H Club will meet at the home of Ann and Luella Martin at 7:30 P. M.

Thursday, March 7.- The Oakville Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. H. B. DePew. Mrs. Everette Phelps and Mrs. Harry Harris will give the demonstration. The program on Health will be given by Mrs. Clarke Moore.

Thursday, March 7.- Rocks Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Toby Inge. Mrs. Inge and Mrs. J. H. Ranson will give the demonstration and Mrs. Inge will be in charge of the program on Health.

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SKUNK INVASION

Stillwater, Okla.- A reduction of food supplies by cold weather is blamed for the minor invasion of this college town by polecats, better known as skunks. The animal migration, small but strong, made swaths through downtown and kept dog-catchers bu

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A wonderful opportunity is ours during the Jamestown Festival Year in Virginia

Millions of dollars have been expended in preparation for the Jamestown Festival Year of 1957 in Virginia, commemorating the founding of the first Permanent English Settlement in the New World. The Festival centers on Jamestown and features the Williamsburg and Yorktown Restorations as well. But the day to day pageantry scheduled all through 1957 includes dozens and dozens of special events all over the Old Dominion. It is believed that upwards of three million extra visitors will come to Virginia this year.

Historic Appomattox Can and Will Prepare for a Banner Year During 1957

Appomattox is ideally located in the geographical center of Virginia, and is easily reached by rail, bus or motor car, for a visit that will add precious memories to the out-of-stater's sojourn in Virginia's historyland. Most of the Jamestown Festival visitors this year will not be "just passing through" - but will be fine people seriously interested in seeing Virginia. Appomattox *"-wants in" on their schedule.*

Jamestown Festival Visitors Will Not Want to Miss America's Great Peace Shrine

The special events in Virginia will begin in just a few weeks. The Federal and State Governments have already spent millions of dollars in preparing the Festival areas and organizing the attractions. Private business has added other millions, and by all indications, this should be a memorable year. The Colonists landed at Jamestown May 13, 1607, but events of the Festival year will begin well before that date. Historic Garden Week in Virginia, April 20 - 27, will be greater than ever this year, and Virginians as well as out-of-state guests will do a record amount of traveling as they take in the various special occasions.

Starting Early This Spring Festival Visitors Will Fan Out Over Our State

We are sure that Appomattox people will want to know more and see more of their own state this Festival year. We are equally sure that Appomattox will want to get out "the Welcome Mat" so as to be ready to entertain and serve the many guests who will come here to see the sacred spot where two great Americans, Robert E. Lee and Ulyssis S. Grant, made peace on April 9, 1865. We do not want to overlook anything that might be done to see that our community gets its share of the visits this Festival year. It should be a community effort.

Community Pride Will Lead Us to Cooperate in Spreading the Welcome Mat

Tomorrow is the first of March. That is not a day too early to think about and do something about a very special Clean-Up effort this Spring. We will want our town to make a good "showing" for the Festival guests. Remember how "spick and span" Appomattox was for the McLean House Dedication a few years ago? Well, let us cooperate to see that the guests will say: Gee, that is lovely town!! You will be asked to clean-up, paint-up, fix-up!

Already, Appomattox has made a start to prepare for the Festival Year. Our town is listed in many of the travel folders ready for distribution all over the nation. Most of the visitors coming to the Jamestown area, will already have heard of Appomattox and the McLean House. Do everything you can to induce tourists to visit us, stay as long as possible, and leave with happy memories so that they will tell their friends: "Be sure to visit Appomattox!"

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